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SUBJECT: JANUARY 22 REPATRIATION OF 243 HAITIAN MIGRANTS

On January 22, the US Coast Guard (USCG) transferred 243 Haitian migrants into the custody of the GoH in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. On January 19, the USCG intercepted a 40-foot sail freighter carrying 80 Haitian migrants 11 nautical miles southwest of Great Inagua, the Bahamas. On January 20, an USCG helicopter spotted a 30-foot sail freighter carrying 163 Haitian migrants three miles within Cuban territorial waters. The USCG intercepted the freighter upon its leaving Cuban territorial waters. It remains unclear if the migrants from both vessels were attempting to reach the U.S. or another Caribbean island.

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